

REAL ESTATE APPRAISER EXAMINING BOARD[193F]

Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 543D.5, the Iowa Real Estate Appraiser Examining Board hereby amends Chapter 11, “Continuing Education,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The adopted amendments to Chapter 11 allow all continuing education to be taken via distance education, and they also clarify the amount of time a student must be present for live instruction in order to gain educational credit. Iowa Code chapter 543D does not allow more than 50 percent of the required instructional hours to be taken through correspondence and home-study courses. Home-study and correspondence programs, as those terms relate to Iowa Code section 543D.16(2), refer to self-study programs which are not generally approved by the Appraiser Qualifications Board for continuing education credit because such courses do not usually provide a reciprocal environment where the student has verbal or written communication with the instructor. The statutory limitation on correspondence and home-study courses does not apply to interactive programs that are approved by the Appraiser Qualifications Board (AQB) and AQB-approved delivery mechanisms. The Appraiser Examining Board in recent months has received many waiver requests for the required classroom hours.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on December 26, 2012, as **ARC 0534C**. No public comment was received on these amendments. These amendments are identical to those published under Notice of Intended Action.

There is no fiscal impact to the State of Iowa.

These amendments were adopted by the Board on February 14, 2013.

These amendments are subject to waiver or variance pursuant to 193F—Chapter 11.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no direct impact on jobs has been found, although a positive impact could exist. This rule making makes the renewal of a credential for associate or certified appraisers more flexible and helps them take their required continuing education in a way that reduces the burden on small businesses.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapters 17A, 272C, 543D, and 546.

These amendments shall become effective April 10, 2013.

The following amendments are adopted.

ITEM 1. Amend subrule 11.2(2) as follows:

11.2(2) ~~A maximum of 14 of the required 28~~ All continuing education credit hours may be acquired in approved distance education programs.

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 11.2(7) as follows:

11.2(7) Successful completion of a continuing education program requires ~~90 percent attendance that at least 50 minutes of every class hour be attended by the student.~~ Continuing education credits shall not be granted to attendees who are present for less than ~~90 percent of the scheduled class meeting~~ 50 minutes of every class hour.

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